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Airport Advisory

Commission Calendar

All meetings are at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month in the Palmer City Hall Council Chambers, 231 W. Evergreen Avenue.

- ❖ January 30, 2018
- ❖ February 22, 2018
- ❖ March 22, 2018
- ❖ April 26, 2018
- ❖ May 24, 2018
- ❖ June 28, 2018
- ❖ July 26, 2018
- ❖ August 23, 2018
- ❖ September 27, 2018
- ❖ October 25, 2018
- ❖ November 29, 2018
- ❖ December 27, 2018

Contact: Vice Chair Ken More at 907-240-3286 or flyartic@articsairacademy.com for more information.

Your source for news at the Warren “Bud” Woods Palmer Municipal Airport.

What’s Happening?

Construction Project Updates: Runway 16/34 Rehabilitation and Related Improvements Project is now completed

Begun in the summer of 2017, all of the elements of the Runway 16/34 Rehabilitation and Related Improvements Project have now been completed. The last element of the project saw the final touches applied to the new helipad area on the airport’s south ramp this fall. The new lighted helipad, helicopter parking spaces and lease lots are now open and available for use. If you are interested in renting space on the new Helipad Apron or Large Aircraft Apron, please contact Frank Kelly, Airport Superintendent.



Photo: South Ramp Lighted Helipad, 3 Parking Spaces and Lease Lot area directly south (photo courtesy of TJA, HDL Engineering Consultants)

The major element of this project was the rehabilitation of Runway 16/34 and the lengthening and improvements to the runway safety areas at either end. Other important safety elements included the removal of trees and a soil mound left over from a previous project located within the Obstacle Free Area or (OFA).



RW 34 & RSA Area, Large Aircraft Apron Expansion



RW 28 & New Compass Calibration Pad



Photo: Approach to RW 16 with RSA brought up to current FAA standards, OFA area cleared. TW A and Interlinks after Pavement Maintenance Project (Photo courtesy of TJA, HDL Engineering Consultants)

Construction Project Updates: 2018 Taxiway Pavement Maintenance Project

The 2018 Taxiway Pavement Maintenance Project begun this summer is also now 100% complete. Except for certain sections of Taxiway B, all other Taxiways received crack repairs, crack sealing, new asphalt surface treatment and fresh taxiway markings.



Photo: RW 10/28 with fresh asphalt surface treatment (AST) and markings, additional taxiway maintenance completed from the 2018 Taxiway Maintenance Project (Photo courtesy of TJA, HDL Engineering Consultants)



Construction Project Updates: Proposed 2019 “Airfield Safety Improvements”

The City of Palmer has applied for a new FAA AIP grant for the 2019 construction season. If granted, this project will include important airfield safety elements to replace poorly functioning airfield directional signage, repair perimeter fence line and gates, as well as provided needed safety lighting to aircraft parking aprons. The remaining design work will begin this winter with the project going out to bid in the spring of 2019.

Additional PAQ News Updates

City of Palmer Receives ASCE Award

The City of Palmer recently received the 2017 Region 8 Civil Engineering Award for the Project of the Year (For projects under 10 million) from the American Society of Civil Engineers for the Runway 16/34 Rehabilitation and Related Improvements Project. Region 8 is comprised of all western states, except California. The City was awarded this honor due to the projects overall sustainability, efficient materials movement and the innovative use of reclaimed materials for many of the projects components.

ASCE AWARD



Project Owner:
City of Palmer, PAQ

Project Engineer:
HDL Engineering Consultants

General Contractor:
Pruhs Construction Co., LLC



Photo: Tor Anderzen, Vice-President for ASCE Alaska Section, presents Mayor Edna DeVries and Airport Superintendent Frank Kelly with the ASCE Award on September 11, 2018 at the City Council meeting (Photo courtesy of Norma Alley, City of Palmer)

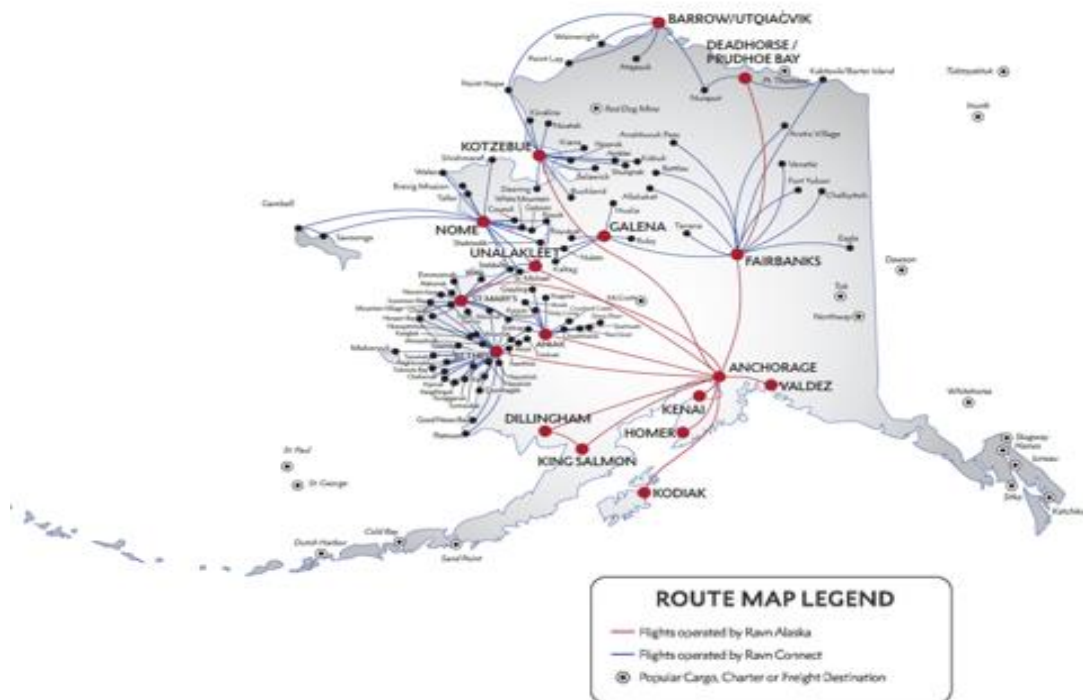
Airport Advisory Commission Adopts New Airport Security Plan

After receiving a final round of public input from airport users at the “Airport Watch” meeting held on September 12th, the Palmer Municipal Airport Advisory Commission has officially adopted the new Airport Security Plan as of September 27th. The final plan will be distributed to all airport business lease holders and will also be available for review and pick up at the Airport Superintendents Office. The new “Airport Security Plan” is designed to be a living document that will be updated at least annually as security measures are implemented and airport tenant contact information changes.

Operations Spot Light

RAVN’ Air Group

RAVN’ Air Group is Alaska’s largest regional airline consisting of Ravn Alaska (Corvus Airlines) and Ravn Connect (Hageland Aviation). Employing 1,000 people statewide and indirectly supporting approximately 8,000 additional Alaskan jobs, they make a substantial contribution to the state’s overall economy. Ravn operates a fleet of 70 aircraft that conduct over 400 flights per day, serving nearly 700,000 passengers annually to 118 cities across the state.



The Ravn Connect facility operations at the Palmer Municipal Airport employs 54 Technical and Administrative personnel who work full time to maintain the majority of the companies 23 Cessna 208 Caravans. Ravn employees, like the ones in Palmer, strive to help make Ravn “Alaska’s Hometown Airline” and one of the best regional airlines in the world.



Photos: Ravn Connect 135 Maintenance Facility at Palmer Municipal Airport (Photo courtesy of Mark Swearingin, SVP-Tech Ops, RAVN Alaska)

Safety Spotlight

A promotional graphic for the FAA Safety Briefing e-reader file. It features a green background with the text "GA SAFETY ON THE GO" in a stylized font. A QR code is provided for downloading the e-reader file. The text "Download the e-Reader File" is followed by the URL "faa.gov/news/safety_briefing". A hand is shown holding a tablet displaying the FAA Safety Briefing e-reader interface, which includes a map of Alaska and the title "Small Airplane".

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Small Airplane

Introduction

The content of the briefings are a series of FAA Safety Briefings for Small Airplane Pilots. Each briefing contains the application of national aviation rules and regulations on the state and territories that can help you operate safely around our borders.

Source: September/October 2018 FAA Safety Briefing,